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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

On behalf of all staff I take this opportunity to welcome new and returning students and their families to the 2014 academic year.

Staffing for 2014

We are currently working to finalise our student enrolments prior to the Day 8 student count to be conducted on Thursday February 6th. This will determine our staffing allocation for this year. Any changes to class lists will be made as soon as possible and parents / guardians will be notified.

Staffing for 2014

Our staffing structure is as follows:

**Prep**  
Ms Andrea Watson  
Mr Glen Hanssen  
Mrs Sue Coleman

**Year 1**  
Ms Gretchen Graf  
Mrs Julie Locke  
Mrs Denise English  
Mrs Marion Elvery

**Year 2**  
Mr Scott McGovern  
Mrs Vanessa Gordon  
Mr Dan Wu (LOTE)

**Year 3**  
Mrs Donna Parker / Mrs Wendy Peckham  
Mrs Margaret French  
Mrs Michelle Lee (Alternate Class)

**Year 4**  
Mrs Sam Ritchie  
Mr Brett Gredig  
Ms Janet Morgan

**Year 5**  
Mrs Marion Elvery  
Mrs Julie Locke  
Mr Dan Wu (LOTE)

**Year 6**  
Mr Glen Hanssen  
Mr Glen Whisson  
Mrs Donna Parker

**Year 7**  
Mrs Bron Blinco  
Ms Andrea Watson  
Mr Glen Whisson

**Special Education 2014:**  
Miss Liz Connell  
Mrs Bev Guffin (Alternate Class)  
Mrs Marg Innes (Alternate Class)  
Mrs Michelle Lee (Alternate Class)  
Mrs Rae Ahern (Class Based Support)

**Specialist Staff 2014:**  
Mrs Sharon Brand (Curriculum Support)  
Mrs Julie O’Reilly (Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy)  
Mr Anthony Seng (Librarian)  
Mr Russell Tolman (Physical Education)  
Mr Dan Wu (LOTE)  
Mr Brett Gredig (Music)  
Miss Toni Warfield (Instrumental Music)  
Mr Michael Stockwell (Instrumental Music)

Please note that staffing arrangements will be confirmed after Day 8, 2014, pending confirmation of student enrolments. If any class changes are necessary we will communicate these to all parents early in the new school year.

If you have any concerns I ask that you contact the office to make a time to speak to:

Mrs Caryn Powell - Deputy Principal,  
Mr David Gordon – Acting Deputy Principal  
Ms Liz Connell – Head of Special Education or myself

Assemblies

All members of our school community are welcome to attend our school assemblies on Friday of each week. They are conducted in the hall and commence at 9.00am.

**Break Times:**  
- **Prep - Year 7**  
  - Morning Recess: 11.00am – 11.40am  
  - Lunch Recess: 1.10pm – 1.50pm

**Student Arrival and Pick-Ups**

Parents are advised that children should not arrive at school before 8.15am as playground equipment is out of bounds. Students who arrive at school before 8.15am, must sit and wait in the covered areas outside the senior classrooms.

Children should be ready to begin work in class by 8.50am.

Lunch breaks are 11:00 – 11:40am and 1:10 – 1:45pm. The first ten minutes of each break is a supervised eating time. School finishes at 3:00pm.

After school, children waiting for their parents should move to their respective pick up area. Children going to After School Care are to walk to the OSHC building as soon as school finishes. Students in Prep–Yr2 will be collected from their classrooms by staff from OSHC.

Children are not to play in the playground at this time as there is no supervision. Those being collected by car go to either the Stenner St or Mackenzie St gates and wait for their parent or guardian to arrive.

Students leaving via the Mackenzie St gate are to walk along the foot path and cross the carpark at the designated crossing. Please note the carpark in the school grounds is not a drop off or pick up zone for students, either before or after school.

Children using buses are to go as quickly as possible to their bus area where the staff on bus duty will supervise them until their bus arrives.

Excellent behaviour is expected on buses.

These rules are made for the safety and wellbeing of children. Children catching a bus, wait at the respective bus stops. Children are expected to behave well on the way to and from school, particularly on public transport. A bike rack is situated near the Stenner St gate, for children riding to and from school. Bikes need to be chained for security.

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Centenary Heights State High School

Important Information for parents of Year 6 & 7 students looking to enrol for 2015:

1. **Enrolment Forms/Details** – Can be submitted to the Administration Office from **Monday, July 14**. Enrolment forms can be obtained from Centenary Heights SHS or downloaded from the website listed below. It is essential that you check our Enrolment Management policy if you live outside our school ‘catchment area’. Whilst we consider all applications places for students ‘out of catchment’ will be very limited so you are advised to also apply to your nearest high school.

2015 Information Packs will be mailed early in Term 4 to all parents who have successfully enrolled their child.

2. **Information Evenings** – will be held in June (dates and venues to be confirmed).

3. **School Tours** – will be held on Friday mornings from 9.00 am to 10.00 am approx., commencing Term 2. The dates for Term 2 are: **May 2 and June 20**. Dates for second semester will be advertised in later correspondence.

Please contact our school to register your interest.

4. **Contact** – Please do not hesitate to contact Head of Junior Secondary Tim O’Connell for further information. You will also find that our website (listed below) will give you a great overview of our school.

Tim O’Connell  
Head of Junior Secondary and Languages

For more information call  
4636 7500  
Website:  
https://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts, does not have Personal Accident Insurance Cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.
CHAPPY CHATTER
Welcome to 2014. For the start of the year I thought I would look at the changes that so many younger members of our school community may experience. I hope this will assist in making the new year easier on the adults as well as the little ones.

By the time they are getting ready to go to school, five-year-olds will have experienced various changes and transitions. They may have gone with their parent to a playgroup, attended a local childcare or preschool service or been in family day care. In these situations they may have had to deal with new adults and other children, move between rooms and carers, separate from siblings or friends and adjust to new challenges and expectations. Each child responds differently to such changes and each child will deal differently with the transition into school.

What is special about ‘school’ is that there is a much bigger group of children of different ages and quite definite rules and ways of doing things; children need help to adjust to this very different place.

The physical environment will be different, with ‘big’ climbing bars, playgrounds that are shared with ‘big’ children and facilities spread across a wide campus.

Routines may be a lot more structured, with set times to eat, play, go to the library or the toilet. The child will need to learn to put their hand up to speak, take turns and let the teacher know if they have problems.

Relationships may be more complicated than previously, when a child may have had to deal only with family, a familiar carer, family friends or a play leader at playgroup. In school, children will have to learn to relate to the Principal, visiting teachers and grounds-people as well as their class teacher and many unfamiliar children.

‘Each child responds differently to changes and each child will deal differently with the transition into school.’

If you would like to read more about the ease of transition go to www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org

Next week we will continue looking at the differences children feel and experience as they grow into their school years.

Take care
Chappy Carmen

Chess News
Chess tutoring for advanced players starts Thursday 6 Feb and continues for eight weeks. This is a great chance to become a better chess player with tutoring by Mr Les Lord. Students in years 1 to 7 who know the basics of chess and want to get even better should see the library for permission note. Cost is $30 for the eight sessions.

Beginners chess will be offered to new and beginners in prep to year 7 later in the year.

Primary Chess Championships are coming up in March; more details soon in the Gabbinbar Gazette.

Anthony Seng
Teacher-Librarian

TUCKSHOP TALES
Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great holiday. The tuckshop will be open tomorrow Thursday 30th January, last year’s menu and prices are still current for this year. We are still in need of some helpers and home bakers so if you can spare an hour or two please let me know. Friday treats also start again this Friday 31st from 3pm. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

Roster

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 Jen Munt  
 Jenny Welsh (9AM) | Nat Herbert  
 Rebekah Sullivan  
 Alixa Dywer |
| Tuesday 4th February  | Larry Heuston  
 Donna Elves/Julie Leathy | Janet Edwards  
 Cheri Ochino |
| Thursday 6th February  | Larry Heuston  
 Jen Munt  
 Christina Kunde | Penni Harth  
 Vicki Flynn |

Purchase of School Uniforms

New school uniforms may be purchased between 8am – 11am Monday to Friday. New stocks of harlequin shirts have arrived.

Second Hand Uniforms
Second Hand Uniforms are available for purchase from 9:15am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Enquiries or appointments can be made by phoning Sharon on 0423 654 259.

HAIR ACCESSORIES: Girl’s Hair Scrunchies, clips and head bands are available for purchase through the school office. All hair accessories are in the Gabbinbar school colours.

Prices are: Headbands $5; Scrunchies $4; Clips $3. Cash only. All proceeds go to the P & C.

SCHOOL BANKING
Just a brief note regarding the student banking program. The theme for student banking in 2014 is “Deep Sea Savers”. There are some fantastic reward items this year which you are all going to love. They are different from the previous year’s rewards. I will go into more detail about the reward items on our next parade and I will also send information home next Wednesday with the newsletter which will explain more about the Student Banking Program.

A reminder that banking will continue to be on Tuesdays. I will collect the bank books from each classroom on Tuesday mornings. For those who are not a part of the banking program and would like to be, there are application forms in the office to fill out, however the easiest way to join banking is to set up an account for your child at any Commonwealth Bank branch, or online.

As I said I will send home more details about the program with next week’s newsletter. It is a great program for the kids to learn about saving their money, as well as great incentives for the children with reward items. The school also receives a commission based on the amount of deposits and for each new student banker.

Any further questions, please contact me on 0429 597 093 or manthey_crew@hotmail.com

Regards,
Amy Manthey
Student Banking Co-ordinator
0400 647 093 / manthey_crew@hotmail.com

P & C News

The AGM for the P&C association will be held on the 19th Feb, 2014. All positions will be declared vacant and information regarding committee positions will be sent home with next week’s newsletter. Becoming a committee member can be a valuable and rewarding experience.

What does the P & C do?

The P&C is about people – people just like you – parents, care givers and community minded people who want to help their school. You work very closely with your school, building a stronger school community, where all children benefit.

The functions of a P & C are:

a) To foster generally, community interest in educational matters;

b) To encourage closer cooperation between the parents, members of the community, the staff and students of the school;

c) To provide advice and recommendations to the Principal on issues & concerns in respect to the student body and the general operations and management of the school;

d) To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources for the benefit of students of the school;

e) To provide services such as Tuckshop and OSHC.

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child’s learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful the P & C will be.

Julie Leahy (P&C President)

OSHC

Hi and Welcome to OSHC News.

We had a very busy and productive Vacation Care period, with new flooring at last last! Our room is looking great, and we have had a spring clean for the start of the new year.

We are currently running at capacity, and it is vital for families to finalise their bookings for after school care as soon as possible. Information is available from OSHC. A service newsletter and information sheet will be available shortly.

Davinna Quinn
OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School 4631 5266
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Gabbinbar Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) provides services including out of school hours care (OSHC) programs, tuckshop, second-hand uniform shop and the student banking program. P&C meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Email: pandc@gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au
Web: gabbinbarss.eq.edu.au/OurCommunity/PandC
OSHC Phone: 07 4631 5266
Tuckshop Phone: 07 4631 5215 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

C&K Gabbinbar Community Kindergarten operates on our school site.

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